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For: METHOD OF PROVIDING POLYPEPTIDE PREPARATIONS WITH REDUCED ENZYMATIC SIDE ACTIVITIES

**REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME AND
RESPONSIVE AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

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920.00 OP **REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Applicant respectfully petitions for a three-month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) for responding to the Office Action mailed on April 9, 2002, in the above-captioned patent application. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the time for response be extended up to and including October 9, 2002. The enclosed check covers the \$920.00 three-month extension of time fee. In the event of any variance between the above amount and the fees determined by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, please charge or credit any such variance to the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 50-0206.

AMENDMENT/RESPONSE

In response to the Office Action mailed April 9, 2002 please find the below comments and amendments.

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